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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Further Conversation with Mr. Hugh Cussing,
Director, Intelligence and Research, Department
of State, Regarding Proposed CHALICE Missions in
China

1. At 1905 hours, I managed to get a call through to Mr. Cussing whom I had seen earlier today on the subject matter, and he said that after considerable difficulty he had been able to get to the Acting Secretary of State, Mr. Christian Herter. Mr. Cussing briefed the Acting Secretary along the lines I discussed with Mr. Cussing this morning, and asked Mr. Herter for Department of State approval for the proposed China missions.

2. According to Mr. Cussing, Mr. Herter gave his full approval to the proposal at approximately 1830 hours this date. I thanked Mr. Cussing for his persistence, and immediately advised Mr. Bissell of the verdict.


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Director of Administration
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6000 Ten (10) rolls of 6000 foot film to [] to replace that used on China missions and to return stock level to supply of film required to mount minimum of ten missions using 6000 foot film.

3. A review of existing supplies of film on hand at [] or on order from Eastman indicates no need for ordering procurement of additional film at this time.

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STAFF MEETING MINUTES - 12 August 1958

Personnel Present: Mr. Bissell
Col. Burke

[Redacted]

Mr. Cunningham

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Mr. Reber

[Redacted]

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1. War Risk Insurance for Contractor Employees - Mr. Cunningham announced that under a bill presently on the President's desk for signature, contractor employees would be indemnified for loss of life caused by an act of war or invasion. If this legislation is passed, the special arrangements for war risk insurance previously discussed would not have to be undertaken. The General Counsel is to inform us if and when the bill is signed at which point the detachments may be informed of specific coverages.

ACTION:

[Redacted]

SUSPENSE: 19 August

2. Operation [Redacted] - Operation [Redacted] was conducted, apparently successfully, [Redacted] System IV was operational but the reaction report from the Navy has not been received.

ACTION:

[Redacted]

SUSPENSE: 19 August

3. Sanitization of "T" Material for the Navy - Mr. Reber is to see General Cabell on 12 August to secure approval for his draft letter in reply to Admiral Burke's request.

ACTION: Mr. Reber

SUSPENSE: 19 August

4. [Redacted] Negotiations - Mr. Cunningham reported that Hugh Cumming had promised to take up the question of State Department approval with the Secretary. Mr. Cumming estimated that this could be done by 18/19 August if no large propaganda issues on the subject of reconnaissance were

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raised in the General Assembly meeting. Depending upon receipt of this approval, Mr. Cunningham and party are scheduled to depart for [] on 25X1A 21 August.

ACTION: Mr. Cunningham SUSPENSE: 19 August

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6. Edwards Test Schedule - A proposed test schedule which would call for 20 hours per month flying time on each of the 6 U-2's has been sent to Edwards but no reply has been received. Under this plan the deployment of 2 U-2's from the ZI within 48 hours is possible.

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Mr. Bissell requested [] to make a recommendation on whether under this schedule we would be in a position to give one more U-2 to SAC. Mr. Bissell stated that he wanted to do this if we could work it out, partially because SAC's resources have been depleted.

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ACTION: [] SUSPENSE: 19 August

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7. Del Rio Accidents - [] announced that there still has been no definite assignment of causes in the recent Del Rio U-2 accidents. Subject was deferred for further discussion among Mr. Bissell, Col. Burke,

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9. China Operations - [] discussed alternative methods of operations depending on the nature of Presidential approval, if any, given for China penetration operations. [] discussed briefly the air base facilities available to us at [] It was noted that [] had a preference for the use [] on the basis of greater availability of space for equipment and personnel.

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STAFF MEETING MINUTES - 19 August 1958

Personnel Present: Col. Burke
Mr. Reber



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1. War Risk Insurance for Contractor Employees - [] announced that the President has signed into law PL-85-608 which gives, among other things, coverage under the Federal Employees' Compensation Act to personnel engaged under contract by commercial suppliers which in turn have contracts with the United States Government. Thus, our contractor employees have the same coverage as staff employees in the event of death or disability caused by "a hostile force or person."

ACTION: Completed

2. Sanitization of "T" Material for the Navy - Mr. Reber announced that he had met with General Cabell concerning the letter that will be sent to Admiral Burke in reply to the latter's request that "T" material be made available for Navy strike pilots. In essence, the letter will state that if Admiral Burke, after the presentation of certain facts, still desires to press his request, it will have to be referred to the President for decision.

ACTION: Completed

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3. Negotiations - [] stated that State Department concurrence had not been received on the trip to brief [] and request his permission to utilize []. It was the opinion of Mr. Hugh Canning that the decision could not be made by other than the Secretary, who was not expected to return to Washington until the night of 20 August at the earliest. This probably would not permit the briefing party to depart on 21 August, a date that has already been twice delayed. Col. Burke stated that he was going to see General Cabell on the afternoon of 19 August to brief him on this situation, among others.

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ACTION: Col. Burke

SUSPENSE: 20 August

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5. Edwards Test Schedule - [] stated that substantial progress had been made on this item with [] during the latter's visit to Headquarters 14-15 August. It also appeared that advanced [] training could be done at Edwards with available aircraft and manpower resources. It was determined that such pilot training would be accomplished utilizing the SAC syllabus.

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6. Del Rio Accidents - [] read extensively from a draft paper [] summarizing the findings in the case of [] U-2 accident. The paper will be circulated to appropriate staff members upon completion.

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Col. Burke announced that U-2 aircraft under our control are not restricted in any way at this time and that the lifting of restrictions for our aircraft had the concurrence of Mr. Kelly Johnson and General Flickinger.

7. China Operations - With Presidential approval having been received for penetration missions into China to examine the CHICOM buildup west of Formosa, the only delaying factor is target weather.

8. Availability of Personnel on ZI TDY - As a result of some confusion occurring during the week of 18 August by a heavy exodus of ZI TDY travelers, Col. Burke asked [] to draw up a short procedure which basically would call for the registering of itineraries with the Admin office so that personnel could be contacted if necessary. [] commented that such itineraries filed in advance would be useful in the requests that he receives from various government sources for persons to travel with our personnel to meet suppliers. [] added that the presence of travelers in the general West Coast area should always be communicated to our personnel at Edwards.

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ACTION: [] SUSPENSE: 26 August

9. [] Matters - Mr. Reber noted for the information of those present that the name of [] reports has been changed to [] reports in order better to conceal the nature of such reports. He also summarized the current [] centers and their designations as follows: []

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Mr. Reber also made several complimentary remarks in [] direction about the commendable rapidity with which [] reports have been transmitted.

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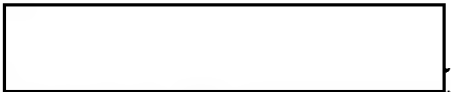


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